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Motive unclear in deadly New Jersey kosher grocery rampage: officials

Mental illness and drugs may have been factors.

Emergency personnel and investigators work at the scene the day after an hours-long gun battle with two men around a kosher market in Jersey City, New Jersey on December 11, 2019. REUTERS

Investigators are not sure why two people launched a deadly attack at a New Jersey kosher grocery store, state officials said on Wednesday, but a federal law enforcement source said the incident did not appear to be an act of organized terrorism.

Six people, including the two shooters, three civilians and a police officer, died in a series of events that ended in a police shootout on Tuesday in Jersey City, New Jersey, across the Hudson River from New York City.

The four-hour gun battle at the Jewish JC Kosher Supermarket erupted after the pair shot the police officer at a nearby cemetery and then fled in a white van. It ended after police crashed an armored vehicle through the wall of the market.

"We are not in the position at this time to say definitively why the suspects stopped in front of the supermarket and began firing," New Jersey Attorney General Gurbir Grewal told a news conference.

Jersey City Mayor Steven Fulop ordered police to be on high alert to protect Jewish neighborhoods following the attack.

The federal law enforcement source said investigators believe mental illness and drug use may have been the primary factors in the attack. He said investigators now view an anti-Semitic message posted online by one of the shooters as a secondary factor.

Officials identified the shooters as David Anderson, 47, and Francine Graham, 50. The three civilian victims inside the market were Mindy Ferenz, 32, Miguel Douglas, 49, and Moshe Deutsch, 24, they said.

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A fourth person who was in the market when the shooters entered escaped. Officials declined to identify that person.

Police found a homemade pipe bomb in the rented van that the shooters drove to the market.

Some local media reported the initial confrontation between the suspects and police near the Jersey City cemetery, about a mile from the supermarket, was linked to a previous homicide investigation. The two shooters also are suspects in that earlier murder, officials said.

The dead police officer, identified as Joseph Seals, a 15-year veteran of the force and father of five, was shot at the cemetery shortly before the shootout around the grocery began.

"We are deeply shocked and saddened by the antisemitic attack in #JerseyCity yesterday," the Israeli embassy in Washington said on Twitter.

"This remains a very fluid and fast-moving investigation," said New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy. "Based on everything we know, there is no ongoing security concern related to the events of yesterday." REUTERS

Chilean Air Force finds debris from missing plane

2 The Chilean Air Force said on Wednesday it had located debris believed to be from a cargo plane that crashed this week with 38 people aboard over a remote stretch of frigid sea between South America and the Antarctic. The debris was found 30 kilometers south of where the plane last made contact, the Air Force said in a statement. The parts were being recovered for analysis to determine if they belonged to the Hercules C-130 cargo plane. The aircraft disappeared shortly after taking off late on Monday from the southern city of Punta Arenas. The Air Force concluded the aircraft must have crashed early the next morning, given the number of hours it had been missing. "We will continue the search and hope for a better result," said Air Force General Eduardo Mosqueira. REUTERS

UK Labour cuts Conservative lead ahead of election

3 Britain's governing Conservatives have seen their lead over the opposition Labour Party cut to five percentage points, according to a Savanta ComRes poll for The Telegraph newspaper published on the eve of an election. Prime Minister Boris Johnson's party stands unchanged at 41%, according to the survey, whilst Labour was up 3 percentage points to 36%, the smallest lead recorded by the pollster since mid-October and the best showing for Labour since January. Three other opinion polls published on Wednesday showed larger leads for the Conservatives. REUTERS

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New York bumps up security for Jewish centers after NJ shooting

Authorities say gunmen specifically targeted a kosher market in Tuesday's deadly rampage.

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Police officers arrive to the scene where an active shooting was taking place in Jersey City, New Jersey on December 10, 2019. GETTY IMAGES

New Yorkers can expect beefed up security around Jewish synagogues and establishments in the wake of Tuesday's deadly shooting at a kosher market in Jersey City.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo tweeted that his "heart breaks for those killed in the attack" and said, "We now know that this disgusting act of violence was a deliberate attack on the Jewish community in Jersey City. Out of an abundance of caution, I am directing State Police to increase patrols and security around synagogues and Jewish establishments while New Jersey law enforcement further investigates this horrific act."

Cuomo continued, "Anti-Semitism and violence against the Jewish community are on the rise both in our state and across the nation. We must stand united, be vigilant and stamp out this vile disease of hate wherever we see it. New York is a proud home to the Jewish community and we will continue to reject hateful acts whenever and wherever we see them."

This is not the first time Gov. Cuomo has bumped up security surrounding the Jewish community. During the Jewish high holy days, Gov. Cuomo also asked state police to increase their presence near synagogues and other religious-related centers.

Gov. Cuomo isn't the only official taking a stand after the tragedy. Mayor Bill de Blasio spoke on NBC's "Morning Joe" yesterday about the crime and stated, "I have put the NYPD on high alert focusing on our Jewish community and protecting our Jewish community. I want to make clear, there is no specific and credible threat directed at New York City right now. But this is our neighbor. We did send officers to support – helicopters, etcetera, to support Jersey City, but now we see this kind of hate right on our doorstep, and these violent anti-Semitic attacks have been happening around the country, so I take it very, very seriously."

He added, "I have ordered NYPD to reinforce key Jewish community locations today and make sure we have a lot of presence out there. I'll be speaking more to it later. Other measures we'll be taking. But this is too close to home and too serious. We cannot take it lightly."

To combat these hate crimes, de Blasio is working on bringing more programs to schools to help combat intolerance towards Judaism and other religions.

News of this comes as President Trump planned to sign an executive order on Wednesday that interprets Judaism as a nationality. CNN reports that Trump believes it will help combat anti-Semitism on college campuses.

New Yorkers be warned: 'Drive sober or get pulled over'

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New York law enforcement is cracking down on drunk driving this holiday season with a new campaign that warns motorists in the city and beyond to "drive sober or get pulled over."

Governor Andrew Cuomo on Wednesday announced the initiative, which officials hope will help to reduce alcohol and drug-related car accidents through the winter holidays by means of more traffic patrols and zero tolerance for impaired driving.

"I am asking every driver to consider the danger they pose to themselves and others when they choose to drive impaired. There will be zero tolerance for impaired driving, and state and local law enforcement will be highly visible to ensure that every impaired driver is caught and held accountable." Gov. Cuomo said in a press release.

The campaign runs through Jan. 1, 2020, and is sponsored by the Special Traffic Options Program for Driving While Intoxicated (STOP-DWI). It also has funding from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC).

In 2018, New York State arrested 4,142 people for impaired driving, and issued 144,197 tickets for other traffic law and vehicle violations.

"All year long, our members work diligently to reduce impaired driving crashes and promote traffic safety," said New York State Police Superintendent Keith M. Corlett. "Our goal during the holiday season is to step up our efforts to take intoxicated and impaired drivers off our roadways before they injure or kill other motorists and their passengers, and to remind everyone to make responsible driving decisions when celebrating. We want everyone to have a happy holiday - but we also want you to have a safe one."

The STOP-DWI program was created to help empower local efforts to reduce alcohol and other drug-related traffic crashes. STOP-DWI is the nation's first self-sustaining impaired driving program. The program is paid for by fines paid by convicted impaired drivers.

All 62 counties in New York state have agreed to participate. BECCA GLASSER-BAKER

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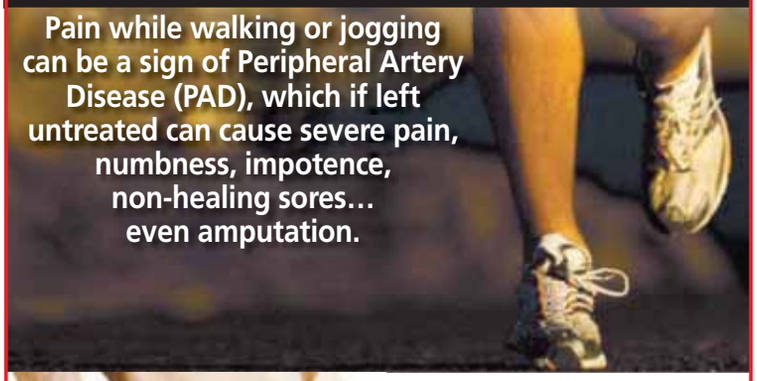

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Teenage climate activist Greta Thunberg is Time's Person of the Year

Remarkably, Thunberg has only been a public figure for 16 months.

Greta Thunberg, the 16-year-old Swede who inspired millions of young people to take action against climate change, has been named Time Magazine's Person of the Year for 2019.

Thunberg launched a grassroots campaign at age 15 by skipping school every Friday to demonstrate outside Swedish parliament, pushing for her government to meet its ambitious goals to curb carbon emissions.

Her actions quickly captured people's imagination, and in September this year millions of people took to the streets in cities across the world to support her cause.

"In the 16 months since (her protests began), she has addressed heads of state at the U.N., met with the Pope, sparred with the President of the United States and inspired 4 million people to join the global climate strike," the magazine said.

She is the youngest individual to have won the accolade.

"Margaret Atwood compared her to Joan of Arc. After noticing a hundredfold increase in its usage, lexicographers at Collins Dictionary named Thunberg's pioneering idea, climate strike, the word of the year," Time added.

Thunberg, who turns 17 in January, is currently in Madrid at a United Nations climate summit where world leaders are wrangling over how to implement a 2015 Paris agreement designed to avert potentially catastrophic global warming.

She was typically blunt in her assessment of politicians' efforts.

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>
> Greta Thunberg

"It seems to have turned into some kind of opportunity for countries to negotiate loopholes and to avoid raising their ambition," she said on stage, drawing applause from an audience that included dozens of her supporters.

"I'm sure that if people heard what was going on and what was said ... during these meetings, they would be outraged."

Former U.S. Vice President Al Gore, a longtime environmentalist, said the magazine made a "brilliant choice" in choosing the reluctant celebrity.

"Greta embodies the moral authority of the youth activist movement demanding that we act immediately to solve the climate crisis. She is an inspiration to me and to people across the world," Gore said.

Thunberg, who said her Asperger's syndrome can be an advantage in her campaigning, sailed across the Atlantic Ocean for 20 days to get to the Madrid event in order to avoid traveling by air.

"Flight-shaming" has gained momentum, especially in Europe, leading some concerned travelers to seek alternative forms of transport.

Thunberg's uncompromising stance has brought her into confrontation with some of the world's most powerful people.

A video of her giving U.S. President Donald Trump what media described as a "death stare" at a U.N. climate summit in September went viral on social media. REUTERS

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MTA tells clerks upstate to stop using its slogan to out undocumented immigrants

Two county clerks in Upstate New York are under fire for using the trademarked term "If you see something, say something."

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The MTA recently demanded that a county clerk in Upstate New York immediately stop using the transit agency's trademarked slogan, "If you see something, say something," as a way to out undocumented immigrants.

The MTA ordered a cease and desist to Erie County Clerk Michael Kearns and Niagara County Clerk Joseph Jastrzemski for using the phrase, which became well-known in the wake of the September 11 terror attacks.

In a press release, a transit spokesperson called the use of the phrase "abhorrent." The clerks have put up signs in local DMV offices asking the public to report suspected undocumented immigrants to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The MTA gave both clerks until 5 p.m. Wednesday to remove the signs using the slogan.

It was not clear as of publication whether the signs had been removed.

The MTA shared a tweet from reporter Ryan Whalen which showed an image of the sign posted in the Erie County Clerk's office. The tweet read, "The state's Green Light Law prohibits DMV employees from reporting people in the U.S. illegally, who are seeking a driver's license, to federal authorities. However, Erie County Clerk @Mickey_Kearns plans to post this tipline sign in all the local auto bureaus."

Images of Clerk Jastrzemski's sign were featured in an article by the Niagara Gazette.

Director of Marketing and Advertising for the MTA Mark R. Heavey penned separate letters to the clerks.

"Your unauthorized use of the mark is in support of encouraging people to report suspected undocumented immigrants; this is both abhorrent and unrelated to counterterrorism," Heavey said in the letter.

The MTA also asked both the clerks to pass the message on to any other country clerks, employees and other public officials.

The MTA said in a press release that "if you see something, say something" was created by Allen Kay, chairman, and chief executive of the advertising agency Korey Kay & Partners, who was at the time working under a contract with the MTA.

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"I've always known we had a great team working on this project, but even I'm not sure I knew just how successful the pilot would be," said Alan Putre, OMNY Program Executive, in a press release.

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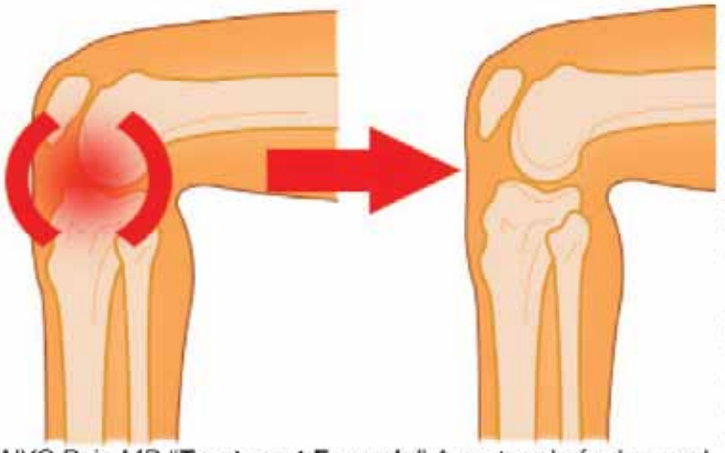

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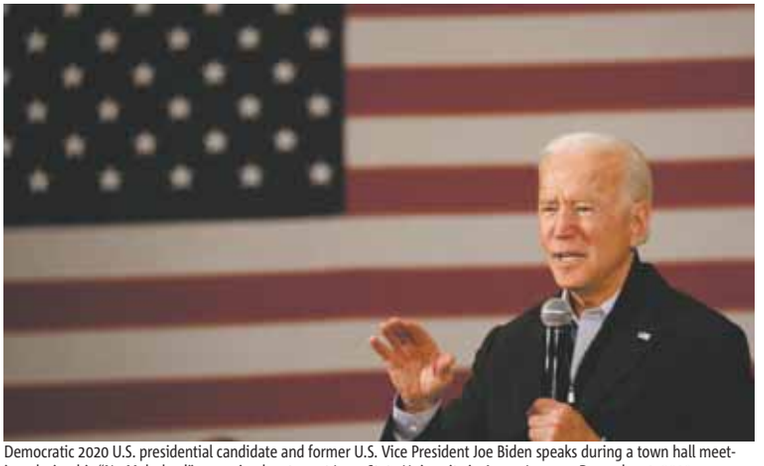

Democratic 2020 U.S. presidential candidate and former U.S. Vice President Joe Biden speaks during a town hall meeting, during his "No Malarkey!" campaign bus tour at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa on December 4, 2019. REUTERS

Biden immigration plan includes more foreign aid, no border wall

Biden also promises to stop separating children from parents at border.

Former vice president and Democratic candidate Joe Biden on Wednesday unveiled proposals that include new protections for immigrants and increased foreign aid that he would pursue as president, drawing a sharp contrast with President Donald Trump.

The policy plans distributed by Biden's campaign do not include funding for a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border championed by Trump.

Biden, who is seeking his party's nomination to face Republican Trump in the November 2020 election, would increase the number of refugees allowed into the United States, bolster resources for dealing with asylum cases and stop separating parents from their children at the border.

Democrats fault Trump's approach on those policies, as well as for his signature campaign promise for the border wall. Biden promised to instead fund better screening technology at the border.

Biden also would propose a $4 billion package of assistance to Central American countries, including El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras, which have been a source of large numbers of asylum seekers at U.S. ports of entry.

The new proposals come as Biden, 77, seeks to build a broad base of support that includes immigrants and racial minorities.

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Biden's proposals include restoring protections against deportation for about 661,000 undocumented immigrants brought to the United States when they were children.

On Wednesday, he is campaigning in Las Vegas, which has a relatively large immigrant and Latino population. Nevada on Feb. 22 will be the third state to hold its Democratic presidential nominating contest, with Biden facing 14 Democratic rivals.

Some of Biden's rivals and activists have criticized the Obama administration's immigration record that included large numbers of deportations when Biden served as vice president.

Biden's proposals include restoring protections against deportation for about 661,000 undocumented immigrants brought to the United States when they were children. Trump has moved to end the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program that provided those protections, but he has been blocked by courts so far.

Biden also promised to protect a class of immigrants with Temporary Protected Status because of natural disaster, armed conflict or other extraordinary event from being sent back to unsafe places.

The Trump administration has tried to end some of those protections, saying most countries in the program have recovered from the related disasters. That issue is also subject of a court battle.

For millions of undocumented immigrants without special status, Biden promised to work with Congress to pass legislation setting out a path to citizenship, a decades-long aspiration for presidents in both parties. REUTERS

Harvey Weinstein posts new bond as pledge he won't flee sexual assault trial

Film producer Harvey Weinstein exits the the New York Supreme Court in New York, U.S. on December 11, 2019. REUTERS

Harvey Weinstein posted additional security on Wednesday as a pledge that he will not flee a criminal sexual assault case brought by New York prosecutors, who had sought to increase his bail after he allegedly failed to wear his electronic ankle monitor.

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The insurance bond will be secured by Weinstein's original bail and some other assets, Weinstein's lawyer, Donna Rotunno, said outside the courthouse after the hearing.

Weinstein, 67, used a walker to enter the courthouse. Rotunno said he is expected to have back surgery on Thursday to alleviate pain caused by a car accident in August.

Weinstein has pleaded not guilty to criminal charges that he sexually assaulted two women, one in 2006 and another in 2013. A trial is scheduled for Jan. 6, 2020, and Weinstein could face life in prison if convicted on the top counts.

Prosecutors last week said Weinstein's bail should be increased because he had failed to wear an electronic transmitter that works in tandem with his ankle bracelet on "numerous" occasions, violating his bail. Rotunno had said those apparent violations were caused by technical problems.

Weinstein has been accused of sexual misconduct dating back decades by more than 70 women. He has denied the allegations, saying any sexual encounters were consensual.

The accusations against Weinstein helped spark the #MeToo movement in late 2017, in which hundreds of women have claimed sexual misconduct by powerful men in entertainment, business, media, politics and other fields.

In addition to the two main accusers in the case, prosecutors have said they intend to call other women to testify at trial in order to establish a pattern of behavior. REUTERS

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Best Rides: A top companion app for ride-share and walker safety

Protect yourself with this free app in a dangerous ride-sharing world.

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The headlines have been rife of late with horror stories of passenger abuse involving popular ride-share services such as Uber and Lyft. According to statistics released by Uber on Thursday, which became the launching pad for a New York Times editorial, 3,045 sexual assaults, nine murders and 58 car crash fatalities occurred through their app in the U.S. in 2018 alone. All this in addition to the fact that Uber's license to operate is currently suspended across the entire city of London, after authorities discovered a "pattern of failures" regarding passenger safety.

In early December, 19 women and one man, who said they were either raped or sexually assaulted, filed lawsuits against Lyft. The victims highlighted company-wide negligence, with one stating, "It's becoming more and more apparent that Lyft can't be trusted to police themselves," reported CBS.

Best Rides' Head of Development, Marc Fantasia, sees these widespread ride-share service failures as an indication that it's time to take your safety into your own hands, and those of your trusted friends and family; a process neatly facilitated by the Best Rides app.

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If your most trusted person is living overseas or on vacation, no worries. Best Rides sends emergency alerts to anyone in your contacts, and is compatible with any smartphone.

Before riding, Best Rides prompts you to take two crucial safety measures: upload a screen shot of the Uber/Lyft driver information and a photo of the license plate. If unusual activity should take place, Best Rides now has essential information on your driver safely stored.

Route tracking

Once you have the app downloaded, you simply enter your trip information, and a route and time estimate will be automatically generated. You will then be presented with different rates for the outlined trip as offered by different companies, allowing for a nifty price comparison opportunity. Once you decide which service you would like to use, select it and the app will redirect you to the chosen ride-share app, where you can book your ride.

When your ride begins, you start a timer within the app, and since your location is being continually tracked by GPS linked to Best Rides' server, any deviations from the planned route will be instantly flagged.

In the event of unusual and unplanned activity, such as a route diversion or a trip running longer than it should, you can either immediately hit the panic button and be routed to 911 or send an alert to your emergency contact or group that you are potentially in danger. Should you hit traffic, the app allows you to add time to the timer so as not to cause unnecessary panic.

Automatic protections are also in place for the same deviation situations, when you will be sent a series of push notifications by Best Rides to confirm your safety. If you fail to respond to these prompts five times, a panic alert will be sent out to your emergency contact, letting them know that you might be in danger, and giving them your precise current location and the driver information that you already uploaded. Your emergency contact will be encouraged to call you and, if you don't pick up, to consider alerting the police. Should everything run smoothly, simply confirm your safe arrival within the app.

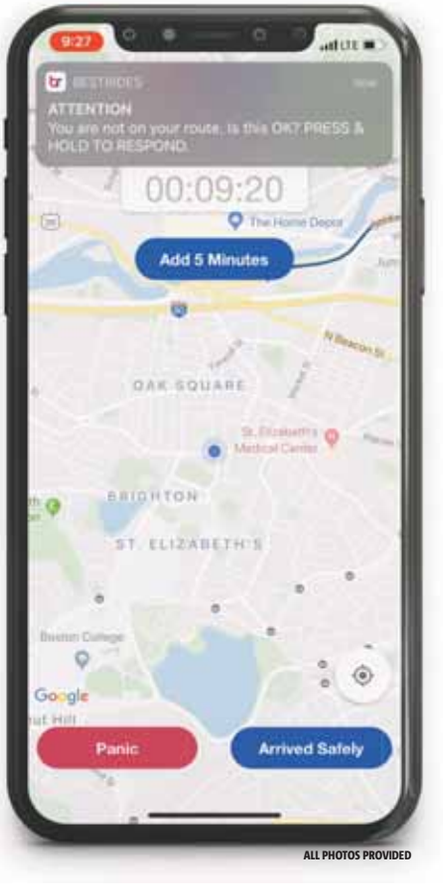
> **"It's becoming more and more apparent that Lyft can't be trusted to police themselves."**
>
> CBS report

On foot? You're covered!

Another great thing about Best Rides is its versatility. It works for tracking walks and runs entered into the app in exactly the same fashion as ride-shares, and can even be paired with your Apple Watch.

Fantasia has described the app as a "protection tool," especially useful for when riders are at their most vulnerable, such as after a night of social merriment.

Best Rides is available for free download for iPhone and Android. Go to www.best-rides.com for more information on the app's features.



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READER WRITE-INS:

CONCERT TICKET FEES

I was coordinating with a friend to buy tickets to a concert coming up and we decided that one person should buy both of the tickets a.) so we can sit together and b.) so we would avoid more added fees. When I went to go add a second ticket, lo and behold, they added even more fees. Why do they have to be so cruel? Isn't it enough that I'm spending $35 on a single ticket?

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Aries A festive event will allow you to mix business with pleasure and make some new connections with colleagues you would like to collaborate with. Share your thoughts.

Taurus Consider what you have, what you want and how to go about achieving your goals. The new year is approaching, and you'll want to be ready to execute your plans.

Gemini Emotional issues will surface when dealing with a loved one. It's time to eliminate the stress you've been feeling by addressing your concerns. Honesty will lead to a better future.

Cancer Clear up paperwork that has been piling up. Getting things in order before the year comes to a close will allow you more time to prepare for future prospects.

Leo A bazaar or flea market will lead to last-minute purchases for special people in your life. A youngster will reveal some interesting information.

Virgo When in doubt, ask questions. Be prepared to compromise, but don't agree to something that you won't be able to honor. It may be time to make a move.

Libra If you listen, valuable information will come your way. Chatting with someone who thinks in a unique way will spark ideas. Personal improvements will motivate you to try something new.

Scorpio Evaluate what you have to do to be your very best. Implementing a routine that will lead to a healthier attitude and physical appearance will pay off. Romance is encouraged.

Sagittarius Put yourself out there. Opportunities come to those who get out and participate, not to those who wait for something to happen. Volunteer work will lead to an exciting encounter.

Capricorn If you offer solutions, you will attract attention. Don't lose sight of what you want to gain for your time, effort and input. Take care of your health and update your appearance.

Aquarius Use your hands, intelligence and talents to come up with an idea and bring it to fruition. An offer will turn out to be better than anticipated.

Pisces Too much idle time will lead to trouble. Avoid getting involved in indulgent behavior with someone who entices you to do things you shouldn't. Self-improvement should be your focus.

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GIFT GUIDE

Rachel Bilson gives us some shopping tips for the holiday season

The actress and style icon has teamed up with Marshalls to find us the perfect gifts.

PAT KING

Have you had that moment of panic this year realizing that you needed to get all of your holiday shopping done … a week ago? Well, there is a real and absolutely unfair reason for that feeling of dread. This year's shopping season is six days shorter than it was last year, leading to a cramped countdown to stuff all of your stockings before the holiday hourglass drains its last grain of sand. Luckily, Marshalls is teaming up with an amazing group of celebrities and influencers to help you shop in a stress-free way this holiday season. One of these good-hearted shopping experts is actress and fashion icon Rachel Bilson, who has her own curated selection of gifts that you can view on the Marshalls website.

"It kind of snuck up on you because Thanksgiving was so late," said Bilson when we discussed the shortened holiday season in the middle of a crowded Marshalls in Tribeca. "That's why I was so excited to partner with Marshalls because you can literally get everything done in one place. I got to curate my own picks that people can see online which is kind of a guide if you need any ideas or any inspiration."

"I think it helps because a lot of people can't spend that time or energy or some people don't have that, you know? But if people want my opinion (laughs) to be able to be like 'hey this really cool and an amazing price point,' you can't go wrong," she adds.

So what will you be able to find on her list?

"Well, I have a five-year old so I definitely went straight for the toys," Bilson explains. "I love that they have a lot of creative things … I liked all of the art things and I really liked all of the fashion things that you can find at an amazing price and the quality is always something that I always look for. Just the fact that there is something for everyone."

And when you head over to her curated list you will find fun toys for kids including a toy grocery store and lemonade stand from Melissa & Doug and a TP Toys Spiro Spin. On the other end of the spectrum, Bilson has hand-selected some high-quality fashionable items that will make you look great for the new year.

With such a short time to shop, I ask Bilson what her strategy was for choosing gifts for those that are difficult to shop for. We all have them and with the clock ticking, she suggested heading to a place like Marshalls that offers gifts for everyone in your life.

"I like giving thoughtful gifts. But that's the thing when you're here. There are surprises in every department. You'll be like 'oh my god this is amazing' or something that you didn't think of and it's just there right in front of you. That's why it's so helpful to come where there are so many unique gifting options," she said, adding, "If someone loves to cook, you'll spend some time in the home section and you'll find things that will be amazing for that person."

For a full list of Rachel Bilson's curated holiday shopping list, head over to https://www.marshalls.com/us/store/shop/marshalls-expert-gift-picks-rachel-bilson/

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Metro's top pop culture gifts for the holiday season

The time to shop for the holiday season is rapidly coming to an end. Have you checked everyone off of your list? Here are some gift ideas for those who are looking to get more into seeing movies, concerts and expanding their streaming lives in the new year.

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Live Nation 2020 Lawn Pass
Even though we are in the throes of winter, tickets for some of the biggest concerts of the spring and summer are being announced right now to get people excited. While many of us will be breaking the bank to cross off all of the names on our shopping lists, buying tickets this far in advance will likely be the last thing we are thinking about. Luckily, Live Nation will be selling a Lawn Pass that will give concert goers access to lawn seats for an unlimited amount of shows during the 2020 outdoor concert season. This pass, at a fair price of $199.99 plus fees, will not only give the pass holder free entry to any show they'd like – even sold-out shows – but fast lane entry and general parking at the venue of your choice. This is the perfect gift for that person who lives and breathes by their packed out Google concert calendar.
For more information, head over to www.lawnpass.livenation.com

Regal Unlimited Movie Pass
While the days of MoviePass are sadly behind us, many popular theater groups have taken up the mantle to provide unlimited movie-viewing options. Regal Cinemas is offering a similar program to the once-beloved MP with their Regal Unlimited subscription service. This mobile app costs just $18 per month and allows customers to attend as many movies they would like per month, with no blackout dates. This pass will also give you 10 percent off of all food and non-alcoholic drinks and free popcorn and a soft drink on that person's birthday. While it's pretty unrealistic to pay someone's membership for the full year, offering to pay a couple of months to get them started would be a thoughtful way to get someone into heading to the movies more in the new year.
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Amazon Fire TV Stick
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METABOLISM MONITOR

Metabolism is one of the most essential elements to staying in good shape. It is now possible to measure and monitor it thanks to a gadget called Lumen, which – by analyzing your breathing – shows if you are burning carbohydrates or fats.

MOLECULAR SENSOR

A very effective way to stay at an ideal weight or lose some kilos is to eat as little fat and sugar as possible. SCiO is set to help you with that. It is a molecular sensor that can explain how much fat is there in any salad dressing and how much sugar a particular piece of fruit contains.

ACTIVITY TRACKER

Knowing how much physical activity you do is also important. And that can be achieved with the help of a tracker such as the one developed by Fitbit, which monitors all your daily activity, calorie-burning and even your heart rate & sleep.

MODIUS

It sounds out of this world, but there is a gadget that promises to help you lose weight thanks to a simple stimulation of the part of the brain associated with fat storage and metabolism. The Modius Weight Loss Headset was developed by neuroscientists and gives you small electric shocks to stimulate the hypothalamus via the vestibular system.

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John Boyega: "It is a bittersweet feeling"

Metro caught up with the stars of the final episode of the 'Star Wars' franchise.

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(L-R) Daisy Ridley (Rey), John Boyega (Finn) and Oscar Isaac (Poe Dameron). GETTY

Daisy Ridley, John Boyega and Oscar Isaac, stars of "Star Wars: Episode IX - The Rise of Skywalker," are entrusted to bring to fruition the end of the franchise, leading a cast supported by thousands of artists who worked on the film directed by J.J. Abrams.

Without a doubt, it was Ridley, in the role of Rey, who carried the heaviest burden in the development of "Episode IX" which, according Isaac, has been the most physically and emotionally demanding story for Ridley.

"Yes, it was very demanding, but I also did things in this movie that I never thought I would be able to do, such as hanging on cables, turning and jumping very high in the air," Ridley said in an interview in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

"Rey doesn't walk at all in the movie," Boyega emphasized, in what might be a spoiler about the growth of Rey.

"Exactly. She just floated back and forth," Ridley agreed, without going into more detail.

For Ridley, the certainty of having a team of professionals that made her feel safe at all times allowed her to take her body to the limit on the set, as well as her mind, thanks to the guidance of Abrams.

"Emotionally, thanks to J.J, he made us feel very comfortable and safe on the set to try things and make mistakes and repeat, or whatever was necessary, it felt super rough but very satisfying," said the actress.

The face of a family of thousands

For the stars, the weekend of Dec. 19 will be crucial. Ridley, Boyega and Isaac will become the 'pilots' who will fly the ship for the last time with the dreams of millions of franchise fans.

"It feels incredible (to be the 'pilots'), but we are only the faces of the work of thousands of people, so we hope to do justice to all of them," said Ridley.

Flanked by her fellow actors, with whom she attended the Sao Paulo Comic Con, Ridley stressed the obligation of this galactic trio "to exalt the arduous path that each of the teams involved in the production of 'Episode IX' endured."

"Even if we haven't done the work of all of them, we really hope that fans can see all the work of those thousands of people that were involved in the movie," the 27-year-old actress insisted.

One way to recognize the work of all the people involved in the film (and to ensure that it becomes a box office success) would be to see it two or three times, the stars suggested.

"Maybe sometimes more than that," Isaac replied jokingly.

The 40-year-old Guatemalan actor acknowledged that he is living through a very big and emotional 'episode' in his life with the end of the "Star Wars" franchise, since he had gotten used to reuniting with his colleagues and with the members of the production team who are like family.

"It really feels like family, because you start seeing the same people over and over again and, for us, it has been almost seven years of being together, even with many of the same technicians."

"You really create bonds with the people you work with and you know that, even if you finish a movie, in a year you will be back on set. So now it is quite emotional to permanently close the story," said Isaac.

Seeing them face to face, it's obvious, as well as understandable, the good chemistry that exists between Ridley, Isaac and Boyega. Each one was just starting off in the industry and it was thanks to the "Star Wars" saga that their fame catapulted them to stars, as a team.

"It feels good to see how the story comes to an end, but it is a bittersweet feeling," said Boyega.

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A six-pack of action

Ben Hardy talks defying gravity in Michael Bay's action-packed thriller, "6 Underground." MOLLY GIVEN

Netflix's latest action-packed thriller "6 Underground" is certainly chock full of 'Bayhem.' Michael Bay's latest directorial feat features everything you know and love about the seasoned filmmaker's repertoire — tons of explosions, risky car chases and insanely ballsy characters, and that's just within the first fifteen minutes. In "6 Underground," Ryan Reynolds (who is reunited with "Deadpool" writers Rhett Reese and Paul Wernick for this project) leads a vigilante crew of specially-skilled operatives who have buried their pasts, faked their deaths and essentially "fallen off the grid" to rid the world of one wickedly corrupt dictator. One of the agents is a recklessly skilled parkour expert nicknamed "Skywalker," played by Ben Hardy, and Hardy himself went through his own set of training to get into the mindset and prepare for the role of such an energetic adrenaline junkie — which is par for the course on the set of a Bay film.

Hardy sat down with Metro to discuss what he enjoys about the action genre, what intrigued him about working on the film and dive into what went into making such an action-packed thriller.

How would you describe your character, Four?
Everyone in this vigilante crew has a special skill, and my character, Four, he's known as the "Skywalker" because he's a parkour expert. He basically defies gravity quite dramatically — that's his skillset. He's also a bit dim, which is quite fun for me to play. But he brings this kind of juvenile energy to the group and this sense of recklessness, he is an absolute daredevil. That would be his defining characteristic I'd say.

What intrigued you about the film — why decide to sign on?
The initial draw before even reading the script, to be honest, was working with Michael Bay. I've been a fan of his movies for years, "Bad Boys," "Armageddon" — that was appealing immediately. With the script itself, what I found really interesting is that it's unlike any action movie I've ever read before with just the premise itself. This idea of people going off the grid is something that maybe everyone has thought about. We are so available all of the time and there is very little privacy, so the concept of just jumping off the grid I think is appealing to a lot of people and to even get to play around with that and explore that was just massively appealing to me.

"6 Underground" is just chock full of so much action, what kind of training did you have to do to prepare?
I worked with Storror, a very successful parkour crew in the modern world of social media and YouTube — they are just great athletes. What I found really interesting about training with them was just understanding their mindset, you have to be a very special kind of person to want to jump from one skyscraper to the next. For them, it was all about mental barriers. Any jump they do they first do on the ground level hundreds of times so they know up at that height they can make it. They know that if they've done it on the ground, their bodies are perfectly capable of killing that jump — the only thing blocking them is their mind. Overcoming that psychological barrier to be able to achieve that is where they get their rush, they apply that to their everyday lives as well. Whether it be a job

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interview or approaching a girl at the bar or something, their mindset is how do you approach those mental barriers and break them down?

What stunts did you do specifically in the film?
The one that really stands out to me was my first day of filming. I was on top of the Duomo Cathedral in Florence, and I mean that was absolutely terrifying. Just the way that the harness was rigged I had to kind of lean forward over that drop of certain death and it's really weird how your brain and body's survival instincts kick in, everything in my being was telling me that I needed to step down and not be there. Being up there and living with it and working through it and talking myself around it was really challenging. It was crazy because it was being filmed with Michael Bay on a helicopter flying around yelling notes for me, and it's so loud I'm yelling back that I don't even know what he's saying. That day is always going to stand out for me. But there were some other cool stunts, I get to throw myself over the side of a building, that was really cool. But by that point, I had already done so much. I really trusted the stunt crew by the end of the movie. I put all of my faith in them and if they told me the harness was safe, I would 100 percent believe them.

How was it overall working with Michael Bay and the rest of the cast?
I really enjoyed working with Michael — he's very chaotic in a very efficient way. He makes everyone bring their A-game, and if you don't bring your A-game he tells you so. That's across the board with everyone and I think that's how he gets the best from the film. He knows what he wants, he's definitely not shy. You have to have faith in him and trust that he's got his own style. He has this playful energy, and for some reason, before I met him I imagined him to have this sort of macho-ness about him, and he does in some ways but he's really just like a kid seeing his fantasies come to life. He's managed to get these big budgets because he's really good at what he does, he still has that passion and that excitement and that's infectious. But the cast overall was really great. Ryan, his energy is just hilarious and it's amazing how he could put the whole crew into just fits of laughter. He's so generous as well, there was a fair amount of ad-libbing going on in most of the scenes, and if he thought of something that would be good for someone else he would be very generous about letting you know. He did that with me, and I was very thankful and I've got a lot of respect for him. We all got along really well as a group as well, it wasn't a bad setting either. Dining out in Italy with some of the best pizza and pasta in the world, there are worse places to be.

What do you as an actor specifically like about the action genre and why do you think audiences get so tuned in for action?
I'm a cinephile so I love every genre of movie, but I am a huge fan of the action genre. So to be a part of that world and feel like maybe I could be part of that process was just very appealing for me. I think for audiences, it's the adrenaline and it's the way that it makes you feel. It feels like everything is at stake the entire time, there is a lot of energy in those sorts of precarious situations. It really transports audiences and it feels like a rollercoaster in some ways. I think that's what draws people in, or I can speak for myself and say at least that's what draws me in.

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The winner of Metro's global photography competition has finally been selected by the jury from thousands of participants around the globe. His incredible shot took our breath away thanks to the protagonist, the action and the colors he managed to capture.

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PEDRO AJURIAGUERRA

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Tell us about yourself!
I really love photography. I discovered it at a late age, about 8 years ago after my wife gifted me a small camera for my birthday. I have tried almost all photography disciplines, although I have now opted for capturing sports and architecture. I have won several important and prestigious international photographic competitions and have also made exhibitions in China, France, Romania, Spain, etc.

What is the story behind the winning shot?
The photograph was taken during a trip to China last year. I went to Guilin and fell in love with the incredible karst hills, mountains, caves and small streams. Li River is a perfect place to admire rice fields, bamboo forests, waterfalls, water buffalos, ancient villages, etc.

And if we talk about Guilin, it is impossible to look over one of its identity signs, cormorant fishermen floating on their fragile bamboo boats. Those birds are trained to fish for at least 8 years before they can be used in daily work. Locals go out to the river at dawn and move silently. The darkness of the river is only partially broken by the dim light of a kerosene lantern that allows seeing the possible prey. The birds throw themselves into the water when they detect the fish and catch it. After, the fishermen "empty" the throat of the animals.

It may seem that this practice is cruel to cormorants, although I did not get the impression that the animal was mistreated and they seemed to have a close relationship with the fisherman.

WITH GERRIT COLE SIGNING, YANKEES EVIL EMPIRE IS BACK

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Gerrit Cole is on his way to the Yankees thanks to a record-setting deal. ALL GETTY IMAGES/ILLUSTRATION BY JOE PANTORNO

The Evil Empire is officially back.

The New York Yankees got their man in starting pitcher Gerrit Cole early Wednesday morning, sparing no expenses in the process.

Cole becomes the richest pitcher in MLB history with the second-largest free agent contract ever signed at nine years, $324 million. Bryce Harper's 10-year, $330 million pact signed with the Philadelphia Phillies last winter still holds the record.

Mike Trout's massive 12-year, $426.5 million deal with the Los Angeles Angels was a contract extension, not a free agent contract.

But the acquisition of the 29-year-old right-hander gives the Yankees the bonafide ace that they have been starving for over the past few seasons.

Cole was the runner-up for the American League Cy Young Award in 2019, going 20-5 with a sterling 2.50 ERA and a league-leading 326 strikeouts.

What was even more impressive was that Cole went the last 22 starts of the regular season without a loss, going 16-0 during that stretch with an other-worldly 1.78 ERA and 226 strikeouts in just 146.2 innings of work.

He then won his first three starts of the postseason, allowing just a single run in 22 innings against the Tampa Bay Rays in the ALDS and, yes, the Yankees in the ALCS.

That 19-0 stretch is something we haven't seen in a single season since Rube Marquard started the 1912 season 19-0 for the New York Giants.

That's how good Gerrit Cole is.

And $324 million shows just how bad the Yankees wanted — no, needed — him.

It was a direct change in philosophy from the Steinbrenner family, who were displaying saintly types of frugality (at least in the franchise's case), which had Yankees fans ripping their hair out last winter.

With the luxury tax threshold in mind, the Yankees lost out on Bryce Harper, Manny Machado, Patrick Corbin, and even Dallas Keuchel to a lesser extent.

While Harper and Machado would have added to the Yankees' embarrassment of offensive riches, losing out on Corbin was especially difficult considering the lack of potency from the starting rotation.

It was felt especially more when Luis Severino missed most of the year due to injury.

Still, the Yankees reeled off 103 wins with a "ragtag" group of replacements after the roster was decimated by injuries. Yet it was the starting pitching that drew most of the ire when the Yankees fell to the Cole and the Astros in the ALCS.

Plenty of Yankees fans pointed out the lack of clutch hitting in key moments, but part of it has to do with Houston's brilliant pitching when it mattered most.

That's what the Yankees have been missing.

That's what they are now expecting to get with Gerrit Cole.

Once again, the Steinbrenner family has thrown caution to the wind. They have brushed luxury tax penalties aside and reset their sights on what matters most to anyone connected to Bronx Pinstripes:

Winning.

The cutthroat Yankees are back, folks. And the rest of the baseball world should be very afraid.

Let the debate begin: Who is the best pitcher in NY?

The Yankees have their ace and one of the best pitchers in baseball.

Gerrit Cole's arrival in the Bronx not only gives the Yankees an impressive foursome in the starting rotation, but it's bound to create another heated debate amongst the New York baseball landscape.

Who is the best pitcher in the Big Apple?

After the baseball world picked its jaw off the floor at Cole's new, massive contract (nine years, $324 million), one of the first things that came to mind was how much Jacob deGrom's contract extension looks like a steal.

Across town last year, the Mets found a way to keep their ace in blue and orange thanks to a five-year, $137.5 million deal. The average annual salary of $27.5 million is, obviously, momentous. Yet it's dwarfed by Cole's record-setting deal, which will pay him $36 million per season annually.

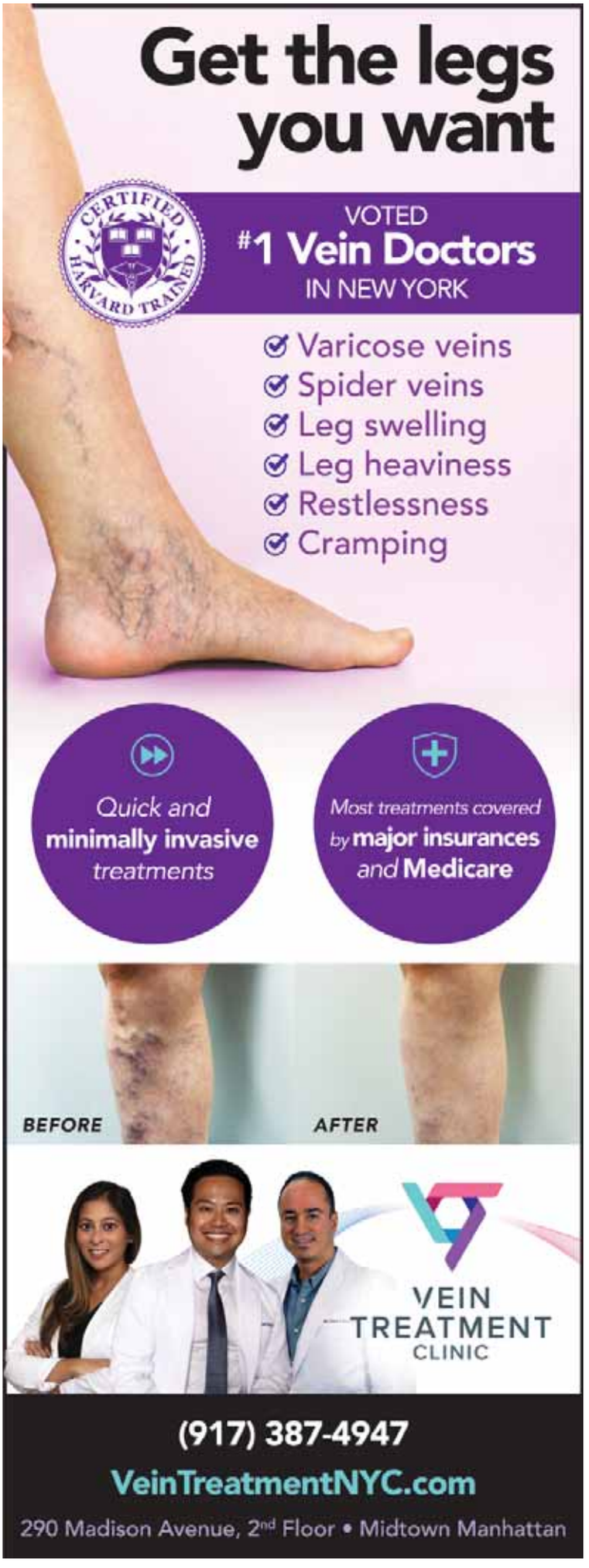
If Cole were to make 30 starts per season over the life of his Yankees contract, he'll earn $1.26 million per start.

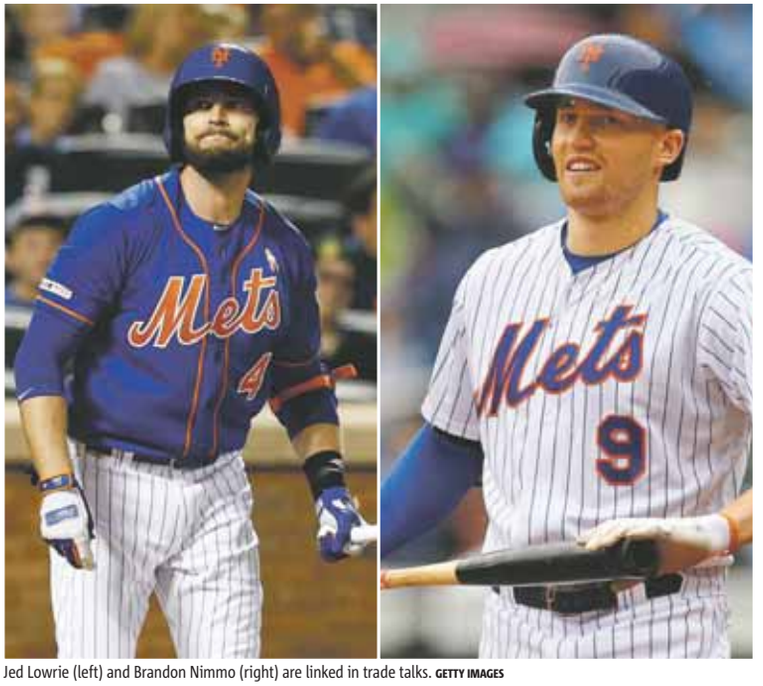
That's a lot of cash.

So not only will Cole be put under the microscope when it comes to delivering the Yankees with their first World Series title since 2009 but baseball fans in the Bronx and Queens will be keeping an eye out across town on how each ace is performing.

If you're into pitching, the next few seasons in New York are going to be fun.

Here is how the two have stacked up over the past two seasons, which is when Cole became a promising, yet inconsistent pitcher with the Pittsburgh Pirates to a star with the Astros:





Jed Lowrie (left) and Brandon Nimmo (right) are linked in trade talks. GETTY IMAGES

Mets have Lowrie, Nimmo on the block

The Mets are currently trudging through yet another quiet offseason.

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The Mets continue to stay quiet during the Winter Meetings in San Diego while the teams around them get better.

The Nationals retained their World Series MVP in Stephen Strasburg, the Phillies have picked up both Zack Wheeler and Didi Gregorius, while the defending divisional-champion Braves picked up Will Smith to bolster the bullpen, Cole Hamels to help the rotation and Travis d'Arnaud to continue his resurgence behind the plate.

And of course, across town, the Yankees are welcoming Gerrit Cole to their ranks.

Meanwhile, the Mets have made a depth move by picking up Jake Marisnick from the Houston Astros. That's not exactly a league-altering move seeing as the center fielder is Juan Lagares with a little more pop in his bat.

While the Mets will always be the budget spenders as long as the Wilpons are in power, there still are some rumblings from Queens.

SNY's Andy Martino reports that the Mets are open to dealing outfielder Brandon Nimmo to ease the log jam at the corner-outfield spots.

Alongside Nimmo, the Mets currently have Michael Conforto, Yoenis Cespedes, JD Davis, Jeff McNeil and Dominic Smith as players available to play either left or right field.

Granted, Davis, McNeil and Smith are natural infielders but Pete Alonso has phased Smith out at first base while Robinson Cano and Jed Lowrie are keeping the promising bats of McNeil and Davis away from their natural positions.

Nimmo appeared in just 69 games last season because of a neck injury. It hampered his return from a 2018 season in which he slashed .263/.404/.483 and became a legitimate candidate as the team's leadoff man.

He is slated to split time in center with Marisnick, but trading him for a player like Pittsburgh Pirates outfielder Starling Marte would ensure the Mets have a full-time, natural center fielder.

The Mets have continuously been linked to Marte throughout the winter as the 31-year old is coming off a .295/.342/.503 season with 23 home runs and 82 RBIs.

While the search for a legitimate starting center fielder seemingly continues, Martino also reports that the Mets are looking to trade Lowrie to free up additional financial flexibility.

Lowrie appeared in just nine games for the Mets last season after signing a two-year, $20 million contract last winter.

Ditching his deal would allow McNeil or Davis to slot in as the every day third baseman while freeing around $10 million for general manager Brodie Van Wagenen to use elsewhere.

The Mets are still in need of major bullpen help and could go after former Yankee Dellin Betances — who will have plenty to prove after an injury-riddled 2019.

Wednesday night saw the Mets pick up their No. 5 starter, signing Michael Wacha to a one-year deal.

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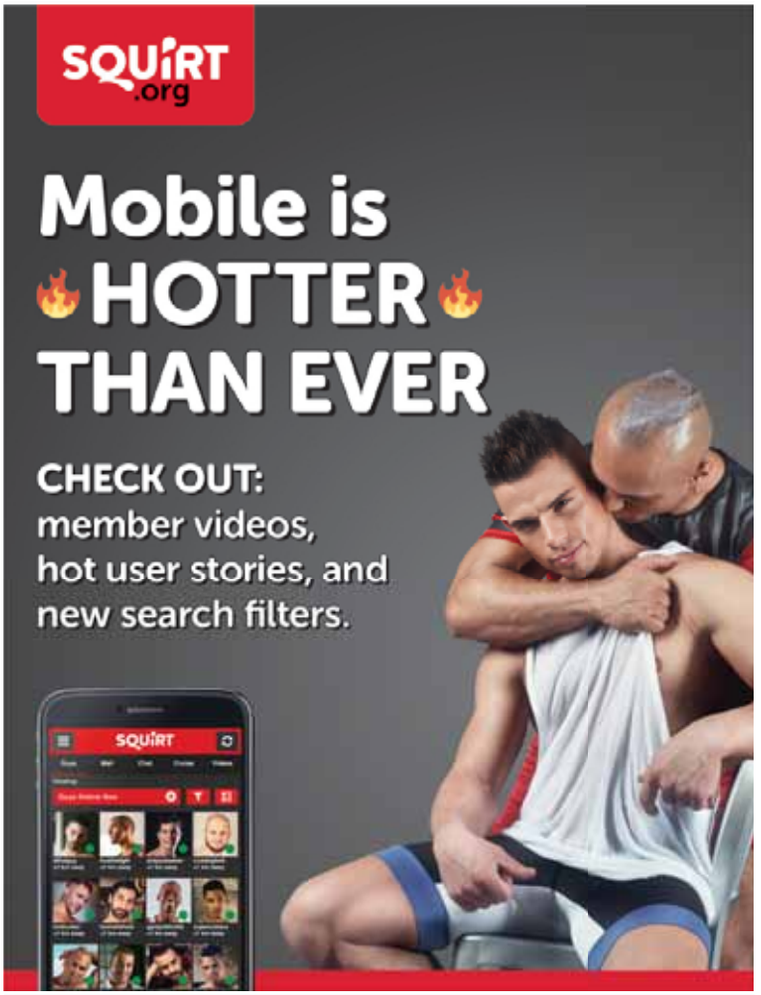

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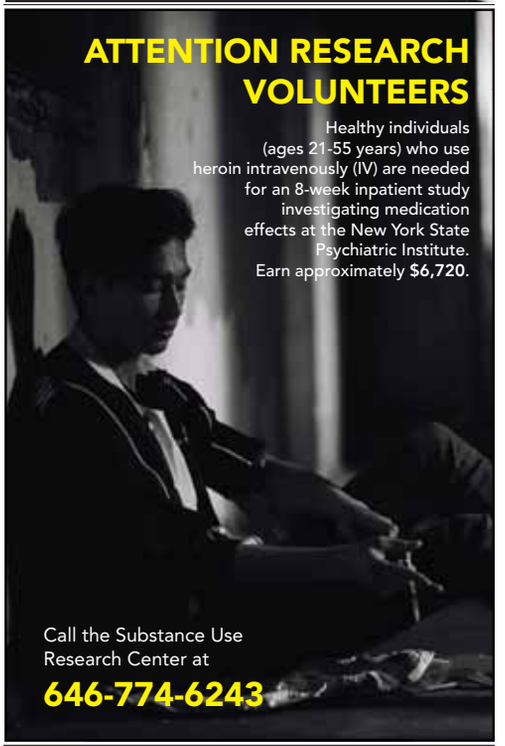
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a license, Serial # 1323671, for On Premise Liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider at retail in a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 91-01, 91-05 Astoria Blvd., E. Elmhurst, NY 11369. Queens County for on premises consumption. Perezentertainment Inc. d/b/a Lalie.

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32 One of the Three Stooges
33 Leg joints
35 Marshes
38 Downward spiral
39 More delicious
41 Wine and dine
42 Pillage; plunder
44 Mercury or Mars
45 Part of GM
47 __ out; paid no attention to
48 __ chops; entrée choice
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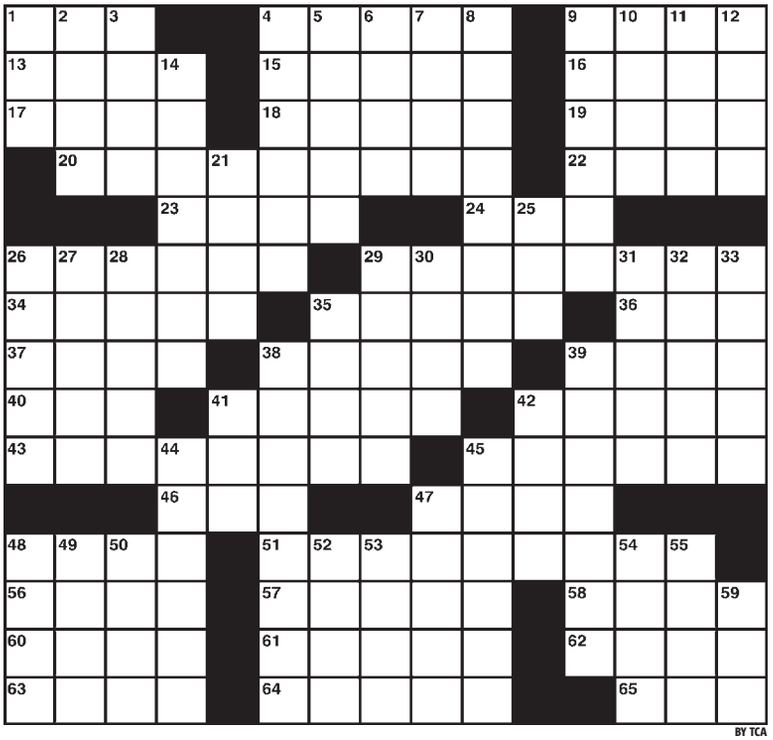

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